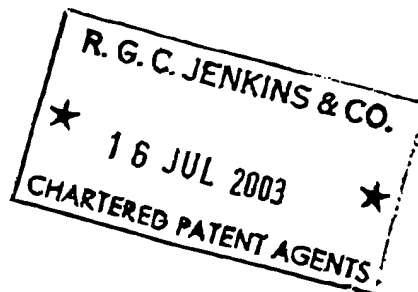


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I enclose two copies of my search report and a copy of the citations.

Request for accelerated search

I have searched your application earlier than would normally have been the case in view of the request made in your agent's letter of 20 June 2003.

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I estimate that, provided you have met all formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after 7 September 2004. You will then receive a letter informing you of completion and telling you the publication number and date of publication.

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Yours sincerely

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	1-6&12	US 2823089	(FRANCO) The whole document is relevant.
X	1-5,7&12	EP 0358450 A.1	(MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING CO.) The whole document is relevant, but please see especially figures 1&2.
X	1-4&12	US 5007558	(ALLEN et al.) See the description and figures 1,2 and 5.
X	1-3,7,12 &13	US 3849949	(STEINHAUSER et al.) Please see the figures.
X	1-3,7&12	US 3267623	(BLOCK) Please see figures 1&3 and the description at column 3 lines 40-44.
X	1&12	JP 6133894 A	(OCHIAI SHIGERU) Please see figures 1 &4.
A		US D447346S	(ABBOSH) A prior design for a foldable paper towel by the applicant.

The definition of the term 'convenience rolls' in the opening paragraph would appear to be of such breadth that it encompasses paper-backed disposable sanding discs which can, after all, have a cleaning function and as such EP 0358450, US 3849949 and US 3267623 are considered to be novelty citations against the listed claims.

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The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report:

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